Rev Amos A. Phelps,

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In reply to yr remarks about maps. being yr special field, I say Adelthough it may not be an equivalent, I will go into maps & do for any length of time what you will say I might for yr visit to R.I. The debt owing to yr Society I have made enquiries concerning & learn that a part can be paid at that time. Your expenses in coming & returning me of course will pay —

I wish that you would reply soon as convenient & I ask you to decide in view of facts touching generall interests of the Cause.

I might be away from the city doing something for the meetings, but the uncertainty of having that assistance which is indispensable at the meetings, makes me watch the mails closely — I am free coming of time, labor & money

Yours truly.

Wm. M. Chace,

P.S. If it should so happen that all whom I have invited should be present — lectures could be given in the neighborhoods of Bristol & Middletown the night before the meetings & those who attended there

I put it to you should I wait for replies from all, before I make an effort for others? (especially when five days elapse between the requests & the answers).

The "interests of our Cause" do indeed "require economy" in time & labor as well as money". I am as loath as any one to be prodigal of either, but we must have sufficient help or we make the worst possible use of all, time, labor & money!

I have no replies from any, to whom I have written but yourself. Nor can I say or guess what those gentlemen will say - I am anxious, the call is out - the Convention requiring one fortnight's notice -

The prospect for a meeting in Newport County was never so good. I can't go into all the minute evidence - but from an intimate acquaintance with local facts & general tendencies. I do give it as an opinion, that now is the time to besiege Newport, your known situation without an agent & near the time of election for Congress - Both political parties willing to do us a favor, I submit the question. Shall we give up our meetings or go on?

William Chace

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Providence July 22 d. 37.

Friend Phelps,

Yours of the 19th is just received In reply I have to say 1st That I do not always receive answers from some of the good individuals to whom I write to be present with us on important occasions. 2. At the last meeting we held (two days in succession) although I invited yourself & brother Wright, we only had Brothers Chaplin & Stanton to rely upon. H. B. talked himself completely hoarse, as his Chaplain was not very well.

3. These meetings, especially those at Middletown & Bristol are of the greatest moment with us & unless we can go prepared to make a regular onset we had better abandon the plan. In truth we cannot rely upon one man alone, three meetings in a day & for 3 days in succession can only be sustained with interest by several speakers.

4. I have written to J. J. May C. Scott & J. J. Wood urging without the hope of seeing in all the three meetings more than three advocates